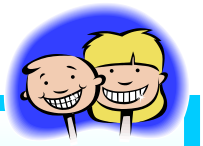
Welcome to EYFS



Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) at Bournmoor Primary School. We are so excited for this year and we have lots of fantastic topics, we will be creating self-portraits, learning about life at sea and all about life cycles.

Reading

New reading books will be sent home in your child's book bag every **Friday**. Please return these by the following **Wednesday**. Please sign your child's reading diary to confirm that they have read at home, as **books will only be changed if the record has been signed to say that they have read it**. You are also very welcome to record any comments.

Nursery children will bring home a picture story book that you can share together. We do not expect them to be able to read the words, the aim is simply for you to read with them and encourage them to develop a love of reading alongside early reading skills such as talking about the pictures and turning the pages.

Reception children will receive a reading book based on their latest phonic assessment. Their reading level will be reviewed at the end of the half term, or earlier if appropriate. This may mean that the colour band of their book will change.

Please note that your child may receive the same book twice and unless your child brings a school book bag, the reading books and records will remain in school.

We will hear your child read in school every day on a one-to-one basis and every day we will share stories in small groups and as a whole class. The one-to-one sessions aim to provide more focussed teaching of reading skills tailored to your child, and also inform our assessments.

It is vital that your child reads as much as possible at home, as well as in school, in order to make good progress, improve their comprehension, practise their phonics skills, and have fun!

Homework will be sent home on a **Friday** and to be returned to school the following **Wednesday** please.

These tasks will be different for Nursery and Reception:

- **Nursery** will only receive a school story book to share at home.
- **Reception** will bring home an orange homework book with Phonics tasks and either Maths or Literacy tasks to complete focusing on our key skills. **Reception may also** bring home some flashcards from school with any sounds and tricky words that they have learnt that week in their phonics sessions to practise at home.

Your support with homework is appreciated.

PE

Our PE days are **Thursday Afternoons and Friday Mornings.** Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit which is to be kept at school until the end of each half term. It is very important that all items are clearly labelled with your child's full name to avoid any losses or mix ups.

The children will be encouraged to get dressed independently both before and after the session. This is a vital skill that they will develop throughout EYFS and your support in this is greatly appreciated.

Please note, earrings must be removed for PE lessons. Also, for the continued health and safety of our pupils, we are aiming to be an 'earring free' school. Your support in this is also greatly appreciated.

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Snack

We provide the children with a free, healthy snack each day. This is usually a piece of fruit or a vegetable. **This means that they <u>do not need to bring their own snack.</u>**

Drinks

Children should bring a water bottle each day that they can access at any point. Please note that **<u>bottles should contain water only (this includes packed lunches)</u>**. Juice and other alternatives are not permitted as we are a Healthy School – thank you for your continued support with this. Please also ensure that these **<u>bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name</u>**.

All children under the age of 5 also receive a free carton of milk each day. Once your child turns 5, if you would like them to continue having milk each day, you can register for them to have it and pay for it through the 'Cool Milk' website – www.coolmilk.com

Outdoor Clothing

We have a fantastic outdoor space and are keen to use it in all weathers. **Fridays** will be known as 'Muddy Fridays' where the children will have the opportunity to be creative, explore and have fun getting muddy!
In order to ensure this is possible please ensure that your child has the following:

- **Wellies (to be kept in school)**
- **A warm, waterproof coat**

Spare Uniform

In Early Years, we appreciate that children may occasionally have accidents. When this happens, we support the children to get changed in accordance with guidelines in our Intimate Care Policy. **Please send your child to school with a set of spare clothes, including pants, all clearly labelled in a recognisable bag.**

Can we help?

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school via e-mail or telephone. We are always happy to help and want to work with you to ensure your child achieves the best they can be in EYFS!
We look forward to the year ahead!

Thank you for your support 😊

Miss Burdon and Mrs Winter